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# LETTER of Shaykh ul-Islam Ibn Taymiyyah

TO HIS MOTHER

حَمْدُ اللَّهِ

In the name of Allah, Most Merciful, Dispenser of Mercy from Ahmad bin Taimiyah to my dear and honourable Mother, may Allah bless her amply, and grant her peace and comfort, and make her amongst the best of His servants,

Assalamu 'alaykum wa rahmatullaahi wa barakatuh! We praise Allah, the worthiest of praise. There is no deity worthy of worship but He, and He has Power over all things. We ask Him to bless the Seal of the Prophets and Imam of the pious, Muhammad His servant and Messenger (Peace be upon him). Indeed, the bounties of Allah come abundantly, and His aid is never ending. We praise Him for it, and ask Him to increase His favour. It will not escape you, my contented mother, the fact that our stay in Egypt is for an important issue. The abandonment of such a task leads to the corruption of our Deen and of our life. Yet it was not our choice to be far from you. Had birds been able to carry us, we would have come to you. But the absent one has his reason; and had you been able to look deeply into the affairs of the Muslims, you would not choose for me another place to the one I am in now. Nevertheless, I had never intended to reside here permanently. Instead, I pray to Allah to guide you and I to the right choice, and I pray for your well-being. I ask Allah to bless us and the rest of the Muslims, with His goodness and what that goodness encompasses of safety and benefit. Allah had opened for me His gates of blessings, mercy and guidance in a way I have never conceived of before. Yet I am always considering travel towards you, making the prayers of Istikhaarah. It is inconceivable for me, if given the choice, to favour any of this life's mundane issues or of the lesser obligations of the Deen, to being close to you. Yet there are great issues which I cannot abandon for fear of their general and personal dangers -and the witness sees what the absent does not. I beseech you to supplicate to Allah profusely. Ask Him to guide us to choose our best paths, for He Knows and we do not, and He is able and we are weak. The Messenger of Allah (Peace be upon him) said: It is from the happiness of the son of Aadam to practice Istikhaarah and be pleased with what Allah had ordained for him. And it is from the misery of the son of Aadam to drop the Istikhaarah of Allah and be displeased at Allah's decrees. Indeed, the travelling trader might fear the loss of his money, so he resides at a place until he is able to travel once again. The matter that were in the middle of is too great to describe, but there is no power or ability but through Allah. Finally, convey my salaam to the entire household, young and old, and the rest of neighbours, friends and relatives one by one. Wasalamu 'alaykum wa rahmatullaahi wa barakatuh! Praise be to Allah, and may His Blessings and Peace be upon Muhammad, his family and companions.



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